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**ALLEGED MEMBERS OF CHESTER DRUG GANG FACE
ADDITIONAL MURDER CHARGES IN
CONNECTION WITH RACKETEERING ENTERPRISE**

**Six Members Of Delaware County “Boyle Street Boys” Now Charged With
Conspiracy to Murder Federal Witness To Prevent Her From Testifying – Members
Of Group Also Charged With Two Additional Murders**

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan, Jeffrey Lampinski, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, James M. Kasson, Special Agent in Charge, DEA, Mark Potter, Special Agent in Charge, ATF, Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, Commissioner John Finnegan, Chester Police Department, and Major Hawthorne N. Conley, Director, Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, and Captain Robert V. Duprey, Commander Troop K, Philadelphia, both of the Pennsylvania State Police, today announced the filing of a third superseding indictment¹ against Vincent Williams, Brian Rogers, Jamain Williams, Andre Cooper, Mark Rogers, Shane Taylor, Rashee Grant, and Damir Roberts, charging all with RICO, conspiracy to distribute cocaine, and various cocaine distribution offenses.

This third superseding indictment represents an additional phase in the continuing investigation of cocaine dealing and murders committed in the Highland Gardens area. The third superseding indictment alleges that from in or about 1996 through December 2002, the “Boyle Street Boys,” that is, Vincent Williams, a/k/a “Tate,” a/k/a “Taterhead,” Brian Rogers, a/k/a “B,” Jamain Williams a/k/a “Jarmaine,” a/k/a “Jay,” a/k/a “Maine,” Andre Cooper a/k/a “Dre,” Mark Rogers, a/k/a “Black Mark,” Shane Taylor, Rashee Grant, a/k/a “Bae-Bae,” and Damir Roberts, a/k/a “Dams,” operated a cocaine enterprise which routinely used physical violence and threats of violence to discipline and maintain control over the enterprise’s workers, keep members of the enterprise and others from cooperating with law enforcement authorities or providing law enforcement authorities with any information or testimony against members of the enterprise, deter and eliminate competition from other drug dealers, and maintain their position of power and status in the area in which they dealt drugs.

“As the indictment alleges, this organization used violence and murder to further its enterprise, while the fallout of fear and intimidation effectively held a community captive,” said

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Meehan. “This third superseding indictment demonstrates the federal government’s commitment to neighborhoods like Highland Gardens where, by dismantling these violent organizations, we can help change the culture of fear they’ve created.”

This third superseding indictment supersedes a previous indictment in which Vincent Williams and Brian Rogers were charged alone with the murder of Tracey Saunders. It is alleged that on October 8, 2001, Ms. Saunders was shot by Rogers to prevent her from testifying against Williams in his upcoming federal firearms case. As a result of her death, all charges pending against Vincent Williams were dismissed without prejudice. Those firearms charges, conspiracy to make false statements in acquisition of firearms, and aiding and abetting false statements in the acquisition of firearms, were reinstated in a prior version of this superseding indictment and remain in this third superseding indictment. In this third superseding indictment, in addition to charging Vincent Williams and Rogers with murder in aid of racketeering, retaliation against a witness and tampering with a witness by murder, all relating to the death of Tracey Saunders, co-defendants Jamain Williams and Andre Cooper are now also charged in those same counts with aiding and assisting in her murder. Further, Vincent Williams, Brian Rogers, Jamain Williams, Andre Cooper, Mark Rogers, and Shane Taylor are charged with conspiring to commit the murder of Tracey Saunders.

This third superseding indictment also charges that Vincent Williams, Brian Rogers, Jamain Williams, Andre Cooper, and Mark Rogers conspired to commit the April 25, 2000 murder of Antonio Rykard, a teenaged drug seller in the Boyle Street Boys’ drug organization who they believed was providing information to the police. The five are charged with conspiring to commit murder in aid of racketeering. Vincent Williams and Andre Williams are charged with committing and assisting in the commission of the murder of Antonio Rykard. Jamain Williams and Mark Rogers are charged as accessories after the fact in Rykard’s murder.

As charged previously, this third superseding indictment also alleges that on April 22, 2000, Jamain Williams killed Randolph Harris to maintain his status as the leader of the “Boyle Street Boys.” Jamain Williams is charged with murder in aid of racketeering. This third superseding indictment also charges Vincent Williams, Brian Rogers, Andre Cooper, and Mark Rogers as accessories after the fact in Harris’ murder.

This third superseding indictment also charges that, to maintain their position and status in the Highland Gardens, Vincent Williams, Jamain Williams, and Andre Cooper conspired to commit the July 10, 1999 murder of Karriem Washington in aid of racketeering and committed and assisted in the commission of Washington’s murder on that date.

If convicted, Vincent Williams, Brian Rogers, Jamain Williams, and Andre Cooper face a maximum sentence of death or life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Mark Rogers and Shane Taylor face a maximum of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Rashee

Grant and Damir Roberts face maximum sentences of life imprisonment and mandatory minimum sentences of at least twenty and ten years, respectively.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Vincent Williams	2726 Boyle Street Chester, PA and 627 Coply Road Upper Darby, Pa	6/27/78; age 25
Brian Rogers	337 Hollins Avenue, Apt. C Crumlynn, PA	1/19/79; age 25
Jamain Williams	2726 Boyle Street Chester, PA 19013	9/6/79; age 24
Andre Cooper	2708 Jessup Street Wilmington, DE 19802	6-24-79; age 24
Mark Rogers	2712 Boyle Street Chester, PA 19013	3-4-77; age 25
Shane Taylor	2409 Society Drive Clamont, DE 19703	7-2-79; age 24
Rashee Grant	1204 Perkins Street Chester, PA 19013	3-5-81; age 22
Damir Roberts	2703 Smithers Street Chester, PA 19013	3-17-84; age 19

The case was investigated by a multi-agency task force which included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Delaware County District Attorney's Criminal Investigations Division, and the Chester Police Department.

Prosecution of the case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys FAITHE MOORE TAYLOR and NANCY BEAM WINTER.

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